

**ABSTRACT**

A support and retention device for use in holding medical appliances, particularly wound drainage systems. The present invention comprises a soft, flexible material formed into a circle, spliced in a fashion that does not increase the diameter of the splice. An upper portion of the rope is placed around the wearer's neck, wherein a lower portion of the rope is gathered together to form a doubled length, and held together by a clasping means. A medical appliance may then be secured to the doubled length section of rope by a fastener, thereby securely supporting the medical appliance thereon.